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Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

1. The reply filed on January 3 2003 is not fully responsive because the amendment fails to comply U.S.C 1.121 (c).

The amended equations (7a) and (9) are the same as the equations (7a) and (9) in the original specification.

In claims 4 and 12, the applicant attempts to amend "a₁" to "a_i" in lines 6-7 of both claims. However, the term "a₁" cannot be found in the original claims 4 and 12. In addition, the terms "b,", "c,", and log(a) cannot be found in the equations of the original claims 4 and 12 either.

Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

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